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"Anything that makes religion a second object makes it no object, He who offers to God a second place offers Him no place." —*Ruskin*.

SCHEDULE

October 16. Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ 17. Outing at Guindy, Boys' Branch.
„ 18. "The Power of Faith"—Rev. W. Meston, M.A., Auditorium, 4 P.M.
„ 19. Sub-Junior Bible Class, 4-30 P.M., G. D. Edwards, Esq.
„ „ Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Photo Club, 4-15 P.M., A. V. Moses, Esq., M.A.
„ „ School of Commerce—Holiday.
„ 20. Junior Bible Class, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Religious Discussion Club, 5-30 P.M.
„ 22. Literary Union, 4-30 P.M., Boys' Branch.
„ „ Current Topic Club, 5-30 P.M., Arthur Davies, Esq., M.A.
„ 23. Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ 25. "The Power of Pardon," Rev. W. Meston, M.A., Auditorium, 4 P.M.
„ 26. Sub-Junior Bible Class, 4-30 P.M., G. D. Edwards, Esq.
„ „ Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Photo Club, 4-15 P.M., A. V. Moses, Esq., M.A.
„ 27. Junior Bible Class, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Lantern Lecture—Life of Martin Luther, Boys' Branch, 6 P.M.
„ 28. Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Religious Discussion Club, 5-30 P.M.
„ 29. Literary Union, 4-30 P.M.
„ „ Current Topic Club, 5-30 P.M., Arthur Davies, Esq., M.A.
„ 30. Gymnasium, 4-30 P.M.
„ 31. Annual sports for Boys' Branch.

"God be thanked for books; they are the voices of the distant and the dead, and make us heirs of the spiritual life of past ages." —*Channing*.

BOYS' BRANCH

The excursion party of the branch left the main buildings at 2-30 p.m. on 21st September facing the hot western sun. The tram was a slight relief for some time but at the Terminus we had to depend upon our legs for the remaining journey. We reached the Kilpauk water works at 4 o'clock, some joining us there on their cycles. Mr. Bredeé, Enginer of the Kilpauk water works kindly showed us the buildings and explained the different processes of filtration and distillation which our drinking water will in future undergo. The boys were delighted to see the different machines at work and to understand the several economisers which are newly introduced into the works. Then we climbed to the top of the water tanks from which a good view of our "city of Parks" could be had. Mr. and Mrs. Worman welcomed the wearied group at "Woodlands" when an enjoyable time was spent in Social and Games. Our thanks are due to the hosts for their kind hospitality. The Social Committee met again on the 3rd and arranged for the next outing at Guindy and for the Indoor Tournament to take place in the first week of November.

The Literary Union of the Branch is working vigorously having their monthly programme carried out without a hitch. On the first Thursday of the month, Mr. Thomas A. Sithar, B.A., (Honours) delivered an interesting lecture on "The History of the origin of man." The meeting was well attended.

The Bible classes for the Juniors are regularly conducted. Mr. Moses has promised to give us an illustrated lecture on the "Life of Martin Luther" when the subject is finished.

The long looked for Annual sports for the Boys is to come on the last day of this month.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT

School of Commerce. Owing to the late publication of results of the Government Technical Examinations, admissions to the classes were only closed on the 15th instant. The opening of several new Commercial Institutes has in no way affected us. Complete statistics of the general enrolment and the enrolment in each class will be given in the next issue of our bulletin. Several of the old students have joined the School.

The classes will be closed on Monday, the 19th instant, being a commercial holiday.

NEWS AND NOTES

"In freeing the head-quarters of the London Association from the burden of debt, the subscribers of the £ 40,000 have done a memorable service to an institution that is one of the noblest triumphs of our time of British practical energy inspired by Biritsh spiritual zeal."

London "Daily Telegraph"

Boston has 6,716 Members. Its budget for last year was $ 294,591, and the receipts $50.50 more. Its educational classes enrolled 2,796 in 208 courses.

A Polish Pittsburgh banker reports: "When the Polish

class in English at the Y. M. C. A. held its closing exercises, Mr. McConaughy, the secretary, was invited to speak. He began his speech in English, but was immediately interrupted by cries of 'Czy mowisz po Polsku!' (Speak Polish!) He did. For several minutes he addressed them in their own language and was greeted with tumultuous applause. He had not only studied the language, but had spent several weeks in Poland and knew the history, the spirit and the aspirations of the Polish nation."

College and city Associations send 34 volunteers weekly to teach foreigners English at Winnipeg.

The Shanghai Y. M. C. A. has 1,140 men in educational classes, the highest number of any association in the east. More than 600 are in night classes, over 400 of whom are studying English and vigorous Bible study is carried on among them.

Unquestionably the most significant meeting that has been held for many years affecting the future of the colored race was that at Atlanta, U. S. A., at which 500 men gathered in conference from 100 universities and seminaries, leaders of white and colored faces interested in the future of the colored man of all states and churches and countries. Dr. Mott presided. He said: "This is one of the most important religious conventions ever held upon the American Continent." Men got together here in the spirit of the great Edinburgh Conference. As described by a bishop: "There was an atmosphere in which men loathed to differ and determined to understand." It is said that more than half the delegates volunteered for the ministry or other form of service to their race.

Recent reports of work among the Territorials in England indicate a rapid development and thoroughness that is very encouraging. No doubt the Y. M. C. A. will assist materially in mitigating the suffering of the present crisis.

Not one of the 500 secretaries engaged in Boys' work in North America is a smoker. Edison the great inventor of electrical machinery recently posted the following Notice :—"Cigarette smokers will not be tolerated by this company. The use of cigarettes dulls the brain." This action has been preceded by a similar order in a considerable number of large railways, steel companies and other important industries. Results prove that efficiency demands such regulations.

PERSONALS

We welcome as new members of our Board of Directors Col. Molesworth, S. D. Pears, Esq., V. Chakkarai, Esq., B.A., B.L., P. Chenchiah, Esq., M. L. and Rev. J. E. Neill.

Mr. Eddy is in the midst of a very important tour in China for which he asks the prayers of friends in India.

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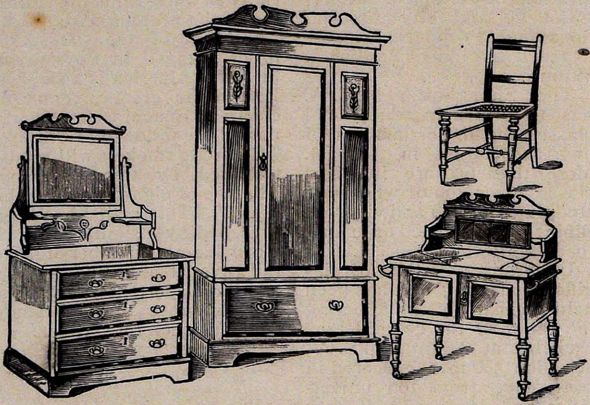

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